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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: METHODS OF ETCHING ARTICLES VIA MICROCONTACT  
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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 16-24, 41, 42, 98-106, 108-111 and 113-116 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

A favorable first Office Action is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation would expedite prosecution, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500.

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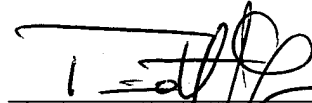
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